IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

Claims 1-66 (Cancelled)

Claim 67 (Original): An information providing system including a first information providing apparatus, an information processing apparatus, and a second information providing apparatus,

said first information providing apparatus comprising:

first reception control means for controlling the reception, from said information processing apparatus, user identification data for identifying a user of said information processing apparatus and a request for purchasing a content;

first transmission control means for controlling in response to said request for purchasing said content the transmission of said request for purchasing said content to said second information providing apparatus;

second reception control means for controlling the reception, from said second information providing apparatus, device identification information for identifying said second information providing apparatus and usage conditions of said content;

storage control means for controlling the storing of said device identification information and said usage conditions in correspondence with said user identification data; and

second transmission control means for controlling in response to a request from said information processing apparatus the transmission, to said information processing apparatus, said device identification information and said usage conditions stored in correspondence with said user identification data;

said information processing apparatus comprising:

third reception control means for controlling the reception of said device identification information and said usage conditions;

third transmission control means for controlling, when reproduction of said content is requested, the transmission of the request for said content to said second information providing apparatus on the basis of said device identification information and said usage conditions; and

fourth reception control means for controlling the reception of said content from said second information providing apparatus; and

said second information providing apparatus comprising:

fifth reception control means for controlling the reception of said request for purchasing said content from said first information providing apparatus;

fourth transmission control means for controlling in response to said request for purchasing said content the transmission of said device identification information and said usage conditions to said first information providing apparatus;

sixth reception control means for controlling the reception of a request for said content from said information processing apparatus; and

fifth transmission control means for controlling in response to said request for said content the transmission of said content to said information processing apparatus.

Claim 68 (Currently Amended): An information providing apparatus for a system that also includes an information processing apparatus and another information providing apparatus comprising:

first reception control means for receiving from said information processing apparatus user identification data for identifying a user of said information processing apparatus;

first transmission control means for controlling a transmission of a content to the another information providing apparatus in response to a request for purchasing content from the information processing apparatus;

second reception control means for controlling, when said content has previously been transmitted to the information providing apparatus, the reception, sent from said another information providing apparatus, of information for identifying a transmission destination and usage condition of said content; ~~and~~

storage control means for controlling a storage of the transmission destination and usage conditions in correspondence with identification for identifying said content transmitted to said information processing apparatus, wherein

~~said~~ second transmission control means ~~also~~ for transmitting said information for identifying the transmission destination and usage condition to said information processing apparatus~~, and~~

~~said reception control means for receiving from said information processing apparatus user identification data for identifying a user of said information processing apparatus~~.

Claim 69 (Currently Amended): The information providing apparatus according to claim 68, wherein said first transmission control means controls the transmission of said content as checking out of said content and said second reception control means controls the reception of said information for identifying a destination to which said content is checked out.

Claim 70 (Currently Amended): The information providing apparatus according to claim 68, wherein said second reception control means controls the reception of said information for identifying said transmission destination as a device identification.

Claim 71 (Currently Amended): The information providing apparatus according to claim 68, wherein said first transmission control means controls the transmission of said content as checking out of said content and said second reception control means controls the reception of said information for identifying said destination to which said content is checked out.

Claim 72 (Currently Amended): The information providing apparatus according to claim 68, wherein said second transmission control means controls the transmission of said content to a storage medium detachably loaded in said information providing apparatus and said second reception control means controls the reception of said information for identifying the transmission destination of said content, said information being indicative of said storage medium.

Claim 73 (Currently Amended): The information providing apparatus according to claim 72, wherein said first transmission control means controls the transmission of said content as checking out of said content and said first reception control means controls the reception of said information for identifying a check-out destination of said content, said information being indicative of said storage medium.

Claim 74 (Previously Presented): An information providing method comprising:

receiving at a first information providing apparatus from an information processing apparatus, user identification data for identifying a user of said information processing apparatus and a request for purchasing a content;

controlling in response to said request for purchasing said content the transmission of said request for purchasing said content to a second information providing apparatus;

controlling the reception, from said second information providing apparatus, device identification information for identifying said second information providing apparatus and usage conditions of said content;

storing of said device identification information and said usage conditions in correspondence with said user identification data;

controlling the transmission to said information processing apparatus of said device identification information and said usage conditions stored in correspondence with said user identification data;

receiving the device identification information and said usage conditions at said information processing apparatus;

controlling, when reproduction of said content is requested, the transmission of the request for said content to said second information providing apparatus on the basis of said device identification information and said usage conditions;

controlling the reception of said content from said second information providing apparatus;

controlling the reception at said second information providing apparatus of said request for purchasing said content from said first information providing apparatus;

transmitting said device identification information and said usage conditions to said first information providing apparatus;

receiving at said second information providing apparatus a request for said content from said information processing apparatus; and

controlling in response to said request for said content the transmission of said content to said information processing apparatus.

Claim 75 (Previously Presented): A program storage medium storing a computer-readable program that implements steps comprising:

receiving at a first information providing apparatus from an information processing apparatus, user identification data for identifying a user of said information processing apparatus and a request for purchasing a content;

controlling in response to said request for purchasing said content the transmission of said request for purchasing said content to a second information providing apparatus;

controlling the reception, from said second information providing apparatus, device identification information for identifying said second information providing apparatus and usage conditions of said content;

storing of said device identification information and said usage conditions in correspondence with said user identification data;

controlling the transmission to said information processing apparatus of said device identification information and said usage conditions stored in correspondence with said user identification data;

receiving the device identification information and said usage conditions at said information processing apparatus;

controlling, when reproduction of said content is requested, the transmission of the request for said content to said second information providing apparatus on the basis of said device identification information and said usage conditions;

controlling the reception of said content from said second information providing apparatus;

controlling the reception at said second information providing apparatus of said request for purchasing said content from said first information providing apparatus;

transmitting said device identification information and said usage conditions to said first information providing apparatus;

receiving at said second information providing apparatus a request for said content from said information processing apparatus; and

controlling in response to said request for said content the transmission of said content to said information processing apparatus.

Claim 76 (Cancelled)

Claim 77 (Previously Presented): An information processing apparatus comprising:

first transmission control means for controlling the transmission of a request for purchasing content to a first information providing apparatus, said first transmission control means also for transmitting a request for said content based on a device identification and usage condition to a second information providing apparatus;

reception control means for controlling the reception of said device identification and usage condition from said first information providing apparatus and controlling reception of content via the second information providing apparatus; and

second transmission control means for controlling, the transmission, to said first information providing apparatus, of identification for identifying said information processing apparatus when said content has been received via said second information providing apparatus, wherein

said first information providing apparatus being configured to send said content to said second information providing apparatus after said information processing apparatus receives said device identification and usage condition.

Claim 78 (Previously Presented): The information processing apparatus according to claim 77, said second transmission control means includes means for transmitting said information for identifying said transmission destination of said content, said information being indicative of said information processing apparatus.

Claim 79 (Previously Presented): The information processing apparatus according to claim 78, wherein said second transmission control means includes means for transmitting said information for identifying said transmission destination of said content as a check-out destination of said content, said information being indicative of said information processing apparatus.

Claim 80 (Previously Presented): The information processing apparatus according to claim 77, wherein said second transmission control means includes means for transmitting said information for identifying a transmission destination of said content, said information being indicative of a detachably loaded storage medium.

Claim 81 (Previously Presented): The information processing apparatus according to claim 80, wherein said second transmission control means includes means for controlling transmission of said information for identifying a transmission destination of said content as a check-out destination of said content, said information being indicative of said detachably loaded storage medium.

Claim 82 (Previously Presented): An information processing method comprising the steps of:

controlling a transmission of a request for purchasing content to a first information providing apparatus;

transmitting a request for said content based on a device identification and usage condition to a second information providing apparatus;

controlling the reception of said device identification and usage condition from said first information providing apparatus and controlling reception of content via the second information providing apparatus;

controlling the transmission to said first information providing apparatus, of identification for identifying said information processing apparatus when said content has been received via said second information providing apparatus; and

sending said content to said second information providing apparatus after said information processing apparatus receives said device identification and usage condition.

Claim 83 (Previously Presented): A program storage medium storing a computer-readable program that performs steps comprising:

controlling a transmission of a request for purchasing content to a first information providing apparatus;

transmitting a request for said content based on a device identification and usage condition to a second information providing apparatus;

controlling the reception of said device identification and usage condition from said first information providing apparatus and controlling reception of content via the second information providing apparatus;

controlling the transmission to said first information providing apparatus, of identification for identifying said information processing apparatus when said content has been received via said second information providing apparatus; and

sending said content to said second information providing apparatus after said information processing apparatus receives said device identification and usage condition.

Claim 84 (Cancelled)